

Agriculture & Cooperation Department—Availability of Fertilisers for the Rabi Season 2008—Appointment of A.P.MARKFED as nodal agency – Permission for importing 1.00 lakh MTs of DAP –Orders—Issued.

G.O.Rt. No. 1143 **Dated: 16.09.2008**
Read the following:-

1. From the Secretary, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilisers
Department of Fertilisers, GOI, New Delhi Lr.DO.No.18-9/
2007- FM Dated: 13.08.2008.
2. From the Commissioner and Director of Agriculture,
Hyderabad Lr.NO.Fert-I(2)/2008 Dated:10.09.2008.

The Government of India in the reference 1st read above have informed that all P & K fertilizers were decontrolled by the Government of India and as such there is no restriction on movement and sale of these fertilizers by manufactures/importers. They have also informed that it is the responsibility of State Governments to tie up supply / make firm arrangements with the manufacturers/suppliers to ensure adequate availability. The Government of India is assisting the State Governments in making fertilizers available at the state level. Since Rabi 2008-09 is commencing from October, 2008, the Government of India has advised to start pre-positioning DAP / MOP stocks as required in October-November, 2008. They need to be pre-positioned in August and September, 2008 itself so as to ensure timely availability. The Government of India have also stated that M/s Indian Potash Limited (IPL) have been importing large quantities of DAP and advised the State Governments to initiate action well in advance to tie up their requirement of de-controlled fertilizers (DAP & MOP) with the companies. The Government of India have also advised the State Government to import these fertilisers on their own or through an State Trading Enterprises and requested to take necessary action to avoid shortage of decontrolled Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers in the State.

2. In view of the above circumstances, the Commissioner and Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad vide his letter 2nd read above has reported that due to non-availability of rakes and other logistic problems during the month of June, July resulted in slow movement of DAP from manufacturing unit and ports. Further the vessels/Ships carrying imported DAP through M/s IPL had reached the Vizage port in the Second/Third week of June, July and August months, thus affecting supplies to the areas where there was heavy demand specially in the Teleangana region.

3. Therefore, the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture has requested the Government to accord permission for importing 1.00 lakh MTs of DAP conveniently in two splits through M/s. IPL which is Government of India undertaking agency for the ensuing Rabi 2008 for which an amount of Rs.600 crores required in two installments @ Rs.300 crores and the Government of India may be requested to release subsidy pattern at a later date and the same may be procured by APMARKFED which is already identified as Nodal Agency vide G.O.Rt.No.291, Agri & Coop(FP.II) Dept. dated 07.03.2008, wherein the APMARKFED was permitted to raise loans upto Rs. 500 Crores.

4. Government after careful examination hereby accord permission to A.P. MARKFED to import 1.00 Lakh MTs of DAP in two spilt through M/s Indian Potash Limited apart from domestic purchases subject to meeting the expenditure from within the Rs. 500 Crores already permitted by the Government to raise from banks as loan vide G.O. Rt. No. 291, A&C Department, dated 7/3/2008.

5. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P, Hyderabad and the Managing Director, APMARKFED, Hyderabad shall take further necessary action in the matter.

6. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (Expr. A&C) Department, vide their U.O. No. 9180/A2/408/Expr. A&C/2008 dated 12/9/2008.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**RACHEL CHATTERJEE
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

**To
The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad
The Managing Director, AP MARKFED, Hyderabad
Copy to : Finance (Expr.A&C) Department.
P.S.,to Min(Agrl)
P.S to Prl. Secretary (Agrl)
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